

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - MARCH 2026

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U.S. (000 - not seasonally adjusted)	170,102	162,764	7,337	4.3	170,206	162,153	8,052	4.7	170,653	163,412	7,242	4.2
MISSOURI (not seasonally adjusted)	3,166,571	3,034,678	131,893	4.2	3,157,385	3,021,742	135,643	4.3	3,159,544	3,021,927	137,617	4.4
<u>METROPOLITAN AREAS</u>												
CAPE GIRARDEAU MSA	50,231	48,274	1,957	3.9	50,160	48,279	1,881	3.8	49,969	47,944	2,025	4.1
CAPE GIRARDEAU MSA (MO PT)	48,598	46,748	1,850	3.8	48,539	46,763	1,776	3.7	48,334	46,416	1,918	4.0
Bollinger	5,025	4,831	194	3.9	5,045	4,840	205	4.1	5,024	4,799	225	4.5
Cape Girardeau	43,573	41,917	1,656	3.8	43,494	41,923	1,571	3.6	43,310	41,617	1,693	3.9
COLUMBIA MSA	117,507	113,332	4,175	3.6	116,911	112,864	4,047	3.5	116,168	111,804	4,364	3.8
Boone	104,688	101,021	3,667	3.5	104,101	100,556	3,545	3.4	103,432	99,580	3,852	3.7
Cooper	7,997	7,680	317	4.0	8,002	7,679	323	4.0	7,923	7,621	302	3.8
Howard	4,822	4,631	191	4.0	4,808	4,629	179	3.7	4,813	4,603	210	4.4
JEFFERSON CITY MSA	78,058	75,419	2,639	3.4	77,832	75,302	2,530	3.3	77,169	74,444	2,725	3.5
Callaway	22,263	21,462	801	3.6	22,201	21,439	762	3.4	22,060	21,225	835	3.8
Cole	40,854	39,491	1,363	3.3	40,699	39,383	1,316	3.2	40,244	38,864	1,380	3.4
Moniteau	7,538	7,286	252	3.3	7,532	7,293	239	3.2	7,497	7,231	266	3.5
Osage	7,403	7,180	223	3.0	7,400	7,187	213	2.9	7,368	7,124	244	3.3
JOPLIN MSA	100,203	96,276	3,927	3.9	100,425	96,492	3,933	3.9	98,962	94,774	4,188	4.2
Jasper	62,261	59,827	2,434	3.9	62,293	59,898	2,395	3.8	61,389	58,819	2,570	4.2
Newton	28,543	27,411	1,132	4.0	28,606	27,476	1,130	4.0	28,198	26,969	1,229	4.4
KANSAS CITY MSA	1,216,907	1,168,947	47,960	3.9	1,218,694	1,168,017	50,677	4.2	1,217,218	1,167,125	50,093	4.1
KANSAS CITY MSA (MO PT)	706,226	678,022	28,204	4.0	706,162	677,691	28,471	4.0	703,437	673,074	30,363	4.3
Bates	7,697	7,389	308	4.0	7,739	7,430	309	4.0	7,770	7,405	365	4.7
Caldwell	4,234	4,073	161	3.8	4,257	4,088	169	4.0	4,249	4,068	181	4.3
Cass	60,783	58,551	2,232	3.7	60,827	58,570	2,257	3.7	60,534	58,158	2,376	3.9
Clay	145,133	139,863	5,270	3.6	144,947	139,773	5,174	3.6	144,524	138,973	5,551	3.8
Clinton	10,670	10,237	433	4.1	10,674	10,249	425	4.0	10,657	10,205	452	4.2
Jackson	386,189	369,708	16,481	4.3	386,248	369,393	16,855	4.4	384,579	366,662	17,917	4.7
Lafayette	17,261	16,574	687	4.0	17,298	16,596	702	4.1	17,247	16,514	733	4.3
Platte	62,635	60,459	2,176	3.5	62,542	60,417	2,125	3.4	62,321	59,987	2,334	3.7
Ray	11,624	11,168	456	3.9	11,630	11,175	455	3.9	11,556	11,102	454	3.9
ST. JOSEPH MSA	55,127	52,742	2,385	4.3	55,030	52,728	2,302	4.2	55,012	52,589	2,423	4.4
ST. JOSEPH MSA (MO PT)	51,335	49,097	2,238	4.4	51,159	49,024	2,135	4.2	51,200	48,934	2,266	4.4
Andrew	8,875	8,518	357	4.0	8,853	8,516	337	3.8	8,858	8,520	338	3.8
Buchanan	38,589	36,876	1,713	4.4	38,427	36,792	1,635	4.3	38,457	36,699	1,758	4.6
Dekalb	3,871	3,703	168	4.3	3,879	3,716	163	4.2	3,885	3,715	170	4.4
ST. LOUIS MSA	1,479,136	1,415,644	63,492	4.3	1,469,494	1,405,057	64,437	4.4	1,478,251	1,416,930	61,321	4.1
ST. LOUIS MSA (MO PT)	1,149,203	1,100,957	48,246	4.2	1,142,810	1,093,965	48,845	4.3	1,148,546	1,099,388	49,158	4.3
Franklin	53,801	51,635	2,166	4.0	53,628	51,337	2,291	4.3	53,834	51,592	2,242	4.2
Jefferson	123,943	119,079	4,864	3.9	123,354	118,318	5,036	4.1	123,968	118,935	5,033	4.1
Lincoln	33,434	32,057	1,377	4.1	33,334	31,873	1,461	4.4	33,438	32,056	1,382	4.1
St. Charles	238,317	229,685	8,632	3.6	236,797	228,236	8,561	3.6	238,456	229,550	8,906	3.7
St. Louis Co.	524,782	501,829	22,953	4.4	521,666	498,594	23,072	4.4	523,945	500,847	23,098	4.4
Warren	19,715	18,942	773	3.9	19,615	18,831	784	4.0	19,748	18,966	782	4.0
St. Louis City	155,211	147,730	7,481	4.8	154,416	146,776	7,640	4.9	155,157	147,442	7,715	5.0

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SPRINGFIELD MSA	248,102	238,253	9,849	4.0	248,104	238,304	9,800	3.9	245,941	235,958	9,983	4.1
Christian	48,472	46,688	1,784	3.7	48,559	46,685	1,874	3.9	47,979	46,166	1,813	3.8
Dallas	7,236	6,880	356	4.9	7,279	6,894	385	5.3	7,227	6,838	389	5.4
Greene	158,735	152,438	6,297	4.0	158,582	152,407	6,175	3.9	157,302	150,997	6,305	4.0
Polk	15,147	14,508	639	4.2	15,186	14,562	624	4.1	15,157	14,454	703	4.6
Webster	18,512	17,739	773	4.2	18,498	17,756	742	4.0	18,276	17,503	773	4.2
<u>MICROPOLITAN AREAS</u>												
BRANSON (Taney Co.)	26,865	25,127	1,738	6.5	26,596	22,979	3,617	13.6	26,616	24,815	1,801	6.8
FARMINGTON (St. Francois Co.)	28,238	26,819	1,419	5.0	28,093	26,606	1,487	5.3	28,466	26,982	1,484	5.2
FT. LEONARD WOOD (Pulaski Co.)	19,388	18,544	844	4.4	19,311	18,468	843	4.4	19,818	18,930	888	4.5
HANNIBAL	18,218	17,451	767	4.2	18,148	17,353	795	4.4	18,384	17,543	841	4.6
Marion	12,968	12,420	548	4.2	12,906	12,332	574	4.4	13,111	12,493	618	4.7
Ralls	5,250	5,031	219	4.2	5,242	5,021	221	4.2	5,273	5,050	223	4.2
KENNETT (Dunklin Co.)	12,020	11,321	699	5.8	12,065	11,315	750	6.2	12,257	11,556	701	5.7
KIRKSVILLE	13,415	12,771	644	4.8	13,484	12,824	660	4.9	13,371	12,664	707	5.3
Adair	10,820	10,272	548	5.1	10,887	10,337	550	5.1	11,031	10,441	590	5.3
Schuyler	2,595	2,499	96	3.7	2,597	2,487	110	4.2	2,340	2,223	117	5.0
LEBANON (Laclede Co.)	16,238	15,409	829	5.1	16,342	15,387	955	5.8	16,388	15,498	890	5.4
MARSHALL (Saline Co.)	11,986	11,543	443	3.7	12,003	11,572	431	3.6	11,981	11,512	469	3.9
MARYVILLE (Nodaway Co.)	12,149	11,778	371	3.1	12,225	11,864	361	3.0	12,286	11,878	408	3.3
MEXICO (Audrain Co.)	10,441	10,012	429	4.1	10,441	10,026	415	4.0	10,643	10,210	433	4.1
MOBERLY (Randolph Co.)	11,263	10,825	438	3.9	11,243	10,798	445	4.0	11,242	10,775	467	4.2
POPLAR BLUFF (Butler Co.)	17,142	16,199	943	5.5	17,057	16,132	925	5.4	17,610	16,629	981	5.6
ROLLA (Phelps Co.)	21,343	20,463	880	4.1	21,276	20,417	859	4.0	20,993	20,071	922	4.4
SEDALIA (Pettis Co.)	21,236	20,381	855	4.0	21,179	20,328	851	4.0	20,917	20,057	860	4.1
SIKESTON	23,190	22,143	1,047	4.5	23,139	22,120	1,019	4.4	23,152	22,075	1,077	4.7
Mississippi	4,038	3,793	245	6.1	4,057	3,808	249	6.1	4,091	3,823	268	6.6
Scott	19,152	18,350	802	4.2	19,082	18,312	770	4.0	19,061	18,252	809	4.2
WARRENSBURG (Johnson Co.)	25,849	24,780	1,069	4.1	25,884	24,849	1,035	4.0	25,739	24,599	1,140	4.4
WEST PLAINS (Howell Co.)	16,602	15,829	773	4.7	16,591	15,841	750	4.5	16,662	15,806	856	5.1
QUINCY IL-MO (MO PT - Lewis Co.)	4,322	4,101	221	5.1	4,314	4,083	231	5.4	4,307	4,097	210	4.9
<u>COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS (CSAs)</u>												
Cape Girardeau-Sikeston CSA ¹	73,421	70,417	3,004	4.1	73,299	70,399	2,900	4.0	73,121	70,019	3,102	4.2
Columbia-Moberly-Mexico CSA ²	217,269	209,588	7,681	3.5	216,427	208,990	7,437	3.4	215,222	207,233	7,989	3.7
Joplin-Miami CSA ³	114,051	109,577	4,474	3.9	114,431	109,833	4,598	4.0	113,066	108,370	4,696	4.2
Kansas City-Overland Park-KC KS CSA ⁴	1,392,923	1,338,165	54,758	3.9	1,394,952	1,337,088	57,864	4.1	1,393,084	1,335,977	57,107	4.1
St. Louis-St. Charles-Farmington CSA ⁵	1,523,466	1,457,687	65,779	4.3	1,513,579	1,446,769	66,810	4.4	1,522,874	1,459,309	63,565	4.2
<u>SINGLE COUNTY LMAs</u>												
Atchison	2,926	2,833	93	3.2	2,925	2,843	82	2.8	2,916	2,820	96	3.3
Barry	14,475	13,813	662	4.6	14,539	13,851	688	4.7	14,760	14,059	701	4.7
Barton	5,577	5,369	208	3.7	5,602	5,397	205	3.7	5,672	5,390	282	5.0
Benton	7,589	7,184	405	5.3	7,554	7,139	415	5.5	7,490	7,023	467	6.2
Camden	19,742	18,693	1,049	5.3	19,288	18,048	1,240	6.4	19,499	18,465	1,034	5.3
Carroll	4,082	3,907	175	4.3	4,120	3,929	191	4.6	4,163	3,976	187	4.5
Carter	2,228	2,125	103	4.6	2,203	2,093	110	5.0	2,262	2,149	113	5.0
Cedar	5,765	5,497	268	4.6	5,739	5,478	261	4.5	5,566	5,296	270	4.9
Chariton	3,433	3,296	137	4.0	3,422	3,298	124	3.6	3,466	3,319	147	4.2
Clark	2,987	2,852	135	4.5	2,993	2,851	142	4.7	3,016	2,855	161	5.3

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Crawford	9,846	9,368	478	4.9	9,823	9,297	526	5.4	9,803	9,291	512	5.2
Dade	3,396	3,256	140	4.1	3,395	3,265	130	3.8	3,406	3,279	127	3.7
Daviess	4,186	4,041	145	3.5	4,164	4,032	132	3.2	4,131	3,991	140	3.4
Dent	6,505	6,221	284	4.4	6,437	6,166	271	4.2	6,567	6,289	278	4.2
Douglas	4,969	4,739	230	4.6	5,006	4,761	245	4.9	5,084	4,857	227	4.5
Gasconade	7,230	6,967	263	3.6	7,224	6,943	281	3.9	7,274	6,981	293	4.0
Gentry	3,000	2,900	100	3.3	3,031	2,939	92	3.0	3,200	3,077	123	3.8
Grundy	4,102	3,927	175	4.3	4,138	3,957	181	4.4	4,246	4,046	200	4.7
Harrison	3,757	3,603	154	4.1	3,773	3,617	156	4.1	3,749	3,581	168	4.5
Henry	10,905	10,483	422	3.9	10,856	10,423	433	4.0	10,828	10,374	454	4.2
Hickory	2,859	2,682	177	6.2	2,832	2,633	199	7.0	2,852	2,650	202	7.1
Holt	1,989	1,914	75	3.8	1,990	1,918	72	3.6	2,023	1,942	81	4.0
Iron	3,946	3,743	203	5.1	3,933	3,732	201	5.1	3,955	3,740	215	5.4
Knox	1,523	1,446	77	5.1	1,539	1,457	82	5.3	1,601	1,505	96	6.0
Lawrence	17,756	16,999	757	4.3	17,731	16,943	788	4.4	17,545	16,736	809	4.6
Linn	6,215	5,982	233	3.7	6,204	5,959	245	3.9	6,269	5,993	276	4.4
Livingston	6,561	6,330	231	3.5	6,531	6,296	235	3.6	6,653	6,404	249	3.7
Macon	6,509	6,183	326	5.0	6,524	6,177	347	5.3	6,579	6,229	350	5.3
Madison	5,417	5,140	277	5.1	5,379	5,112	267	5.0	5,355	5,068	287	5.4
Maries	4,105	3,949	156	3.8	4,086	3,930	156	3.8	4,042	3,870	172	4.3
McDonald	9,193	8,767	426	4.6	9,152	8,733	419	4.6	8,978	8,504	474	5.3
Mercer	1,607	1,540	67	4.2	1,601	1,543	58	3.6	1,612	1,544	68	4.2
Miller	12,575	12,032	543	4.3	12,458	11,840	618	5.0	12,652	12,094	558	4.4
Monroe	3,994	3,824	170	4.3	3,994	3,823	171	4.3	4,008	3,817	191	4.8
Montgomery	5,903	5,688	215	3.6	5,904	5,685	219	3.7	5,969	5,735	234	3.9
Morgan	8,887	8,416	471	5.3	8,857	8,341	516	5.8	8,887	8,373	514	5.8
New Madrid	7,362	6,987	375	5.1	7,377	6,988	389	5.3	7,628	7,216	412	5.4
Oregon	3,642	3,477	165	4.5	3,655	3,490	165	4.5	3,620	3,439	181	5.0
Ozark	3,414	3,176	238	7.0	3,389	3,126	263	7.8	3,325	3,108	217	6.5
Pemiscot	5,736	5,373	363	6.3	5,738	5,363	375	6.5	5,880	5,511	369	6.3
Perry	9,907	9,579	328	3.3	9,909	9,586	323	3.3	9,978	9,628	350	3.5
Pike	6,940	6,619	321	4.6	6,948	6,613	335	4.8	7,144	6,802	342	4.8
Putnam	2,106	2,029	77	3.7	2,097	2,021	76	3.6	2,132	2,037	95	4.5
Reynolds	2,453	2,337	116	4.7	2,459	2,337	122	5.0	2,451	2,321	130	5.3
Ripley	4,730	4,507	223	4.7	4,730	4,507	223	4.7	4,737	4,505	232	4.9
St. Clair	4,240	4,063	177	4.2	4,248	4,065	183	4.3	4,244	4,049	195	4.6
Ste. Genevieve	9,755	9,398	357	3.7	9,680	9,331	349	3.6	9,897	9,517	380	3.8
Scotland	2,360	2,274	86	3.6	2,353	2,263	90	3.8	2,374	2,287	87	3.7
Shannon	2,942	2,748	194	6.6	2,937	2,726	211	7.2	2,912	2,717	195	6.7
Shelby	3,120	2,996	124	4.0	3,096	2,974	122	3.9	3,128	3,001	127	4.1
Stoddard	12,883	12,294	589	4.6	12,910	12,310	600	4.6	12,951	12,331	620	4.8
Stone	14,209	13,365	844	5.9	13,697	12,184	1,513	11.0	14,057	13,150	907	6.5
Sullivan	2,700	2,567	133	4.9	2,736	2,596	140	5.1	2,738	2,632	106	3.9
Texas	10,152	9,696	456	4.5	10,140	9,665	475	4.7	10,313	9,814	499	4.8
Vernon	9,688	9,327	361	3.7	9,743	9,376	367	3.8	9,872	9,449	423	4.3
Washington	9,862	9,370	492	5.0	9,855	9,309	546	5.5	9,974	9,407	567	5.7
Wayne	3,920	3,678	242	6.2	3,908	3,655	253	6.5	3,966	3,722	244	6.2
Worth	1,076	1,041	35	3.3	1,084	1,050	34	3.1	1,095	1,052	43	3.9
Wright	7,895	7,506	389	4.9	7,946	7,513	433	5.4	7,832	7,405	427	5.5

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Arnold	11,346	10,904	442	3.9	11,267	10,835	432	3.8	11,354	10,891	463	4.1
Ballwin	16,904	16,265	639	3.8	16,751	16,160	591	3.5	16,853	16,233	620	3.7
Belton	14,228	13,714	514	3.6	14,240	13,719	521	3.7	14,174	13,622	552	3.9
Blue Springs	32,598	31,349	1,249	3.8	32,655	31,322	1,333	4.1	32,413	31,091	1,322	4.1
Cape Girardeau	21,173	20,260	913	4.3	21,067	20,263	804	3.8	21,030	20,115	915	4.4
Chesterfield	25,754	24,731	1,023	4.0	25,531	24,572	959	3.8	25,644	24,683	961	3.7
Columbia	71,090	68,489	2,601	3.7	70,698	68,173	2,525	3.6	70,228	67,512	2,716	3.9
Ferguson	8,944	8,407	537	6.0	8,940	8,352	588	6.6	8,905	8,390	515	5.8
Florissant	29,108	27,575	1,533	5.3	28,896	27,397	1,499	5.2	28,890	27,521	1,369	4.7
Gladstone	14,494	13,887	607	4.2	14,473	13,878	595	4.1	14,426	13,798	628	4.4
Grandview	13,949	13,409	540	3.9	13,972	13,398	574	4.1	13,997	13,299	698	5.0
Hazelwood	13,508	12,784	724	5.4	13,434	12,702	732	5.4	13,428	12,759	669	5.0
Independence	60,265	57,441	2,824	4.7	60,363	57,392	2,971	4.9	60,079	56,967	3,112	5.2
Jefferson City	22,252	21,476	776	3.5	22,174	21,417	757	3.4	21,929	21,135	794	3.6
Joplin	26,422	25,330	1,092	4.1	26,446	25,364	1,082	4.1	26,071	24,906	1,165	4.5
Kansas City	283,514	271,884	11,630	4.1	283,213	271,674	11,539	4.1	282,400	269,804	12,596	4.5
Kirkwood	14,805	14,227	578	3.9	14,668	14,135	533	3.6	14,770	14,199	571	3.9
Lee's Summit	57,917	55,845	2,072	3.6	57,948	55,799	2,149	3.7	57,506	55,387	2,119	3.7
Liberty	16,124	15,508	616	3.8	16,081	15,498	583	3.6	16,043	15,410	633	3.9
Maryland Heights	16,662	16,005	657	3.9	16,578	15,901	677	4.1	16,595	15,973	622	3.7
Nixa	13,234	12,759	475	3.6	13,237	12,759	478	3.6	13,101	12,617	484	3.7
O'Fallon	55,403	53,577	1,826	3.3	55,026	53,239	1,787	3.2	55,361	53,545	1,816	3.3
Ozark	11,544	11,123	421	3.6	11,572	11,122	450	3.9	11,413	10,998	415	3.6
Raymore	13,759	13,296	463	3.4	13,788	13,301	487	3.5	13,766	13,207	559	4.1
Raytown	15,963	15,269	694	4.3	16,006	15,256	750	4.7	15,955	15,143	812	5.1
Rolla	9,083	8,659	424	4.7	9,053	8,639	414	4.6	8,912	8,493	419	4.7
St. Charles	40,602	39,018	1,584	3.9	40,403	38,772	1,631	4.0	40,695	38,995	1,700	4.2
St. Joseph	32,482	30,984	1,498	4.6	32,322	30,913	1,409	4.4	32,326	30,835	1,491	4.6
St. Peters	34,686	33,341	1,345	3.9	34,417	33,130	1,287	3.7	34,635	33,321	1,314	3.8
Sedalia	10,874	10,396	478	4.4	10,822	10,369	453	4.2	10,697	10,231	466	4.4
Springfield	88,203	84,517	3,686	4.2	88,122	84,499	3,623	4.1	87,520	83,718	3,802	4.3
University City	20,183	19,390	793	3.9	20,042	19,265	777	3.9	20,122	19,352	770	3.8
Warrensburg	9,926	9,519	407	4.1	9,920	9,546	374	3.8	9,900	9,450	450	4.5
Webster Groves	12,511	12,049	462	3.7	12,406	11,971	435	3.5	12,508	12,025	483	3.9
Wentzville	26,070	25,154	916	3.5	25,929	24,995	934	3.6	26,055	25,139	916	3.5
Wildwood	18,765	18,129	636	3.4	18,644	18,012	632	3.4	18,809	18,094	715	3.8

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2 The Columbia-Moberly-Mexico CSA consists of the Columbia MSA plus the Moberly and Mexico Microplitan Areas

3 The Joplin-Miami CSA consists of the Joplin MSA plus the Miami OK Micropolitan Area

4 The Kansas City-Overland Park-Kansas City CSA consists of the Kansas City MSA plus the St. Joseph (MO) and Lawrence (KS) MSAs plus the Warrensburg (MO), Atison (KS) and Ottawa (KS) Micropolitan Areas

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